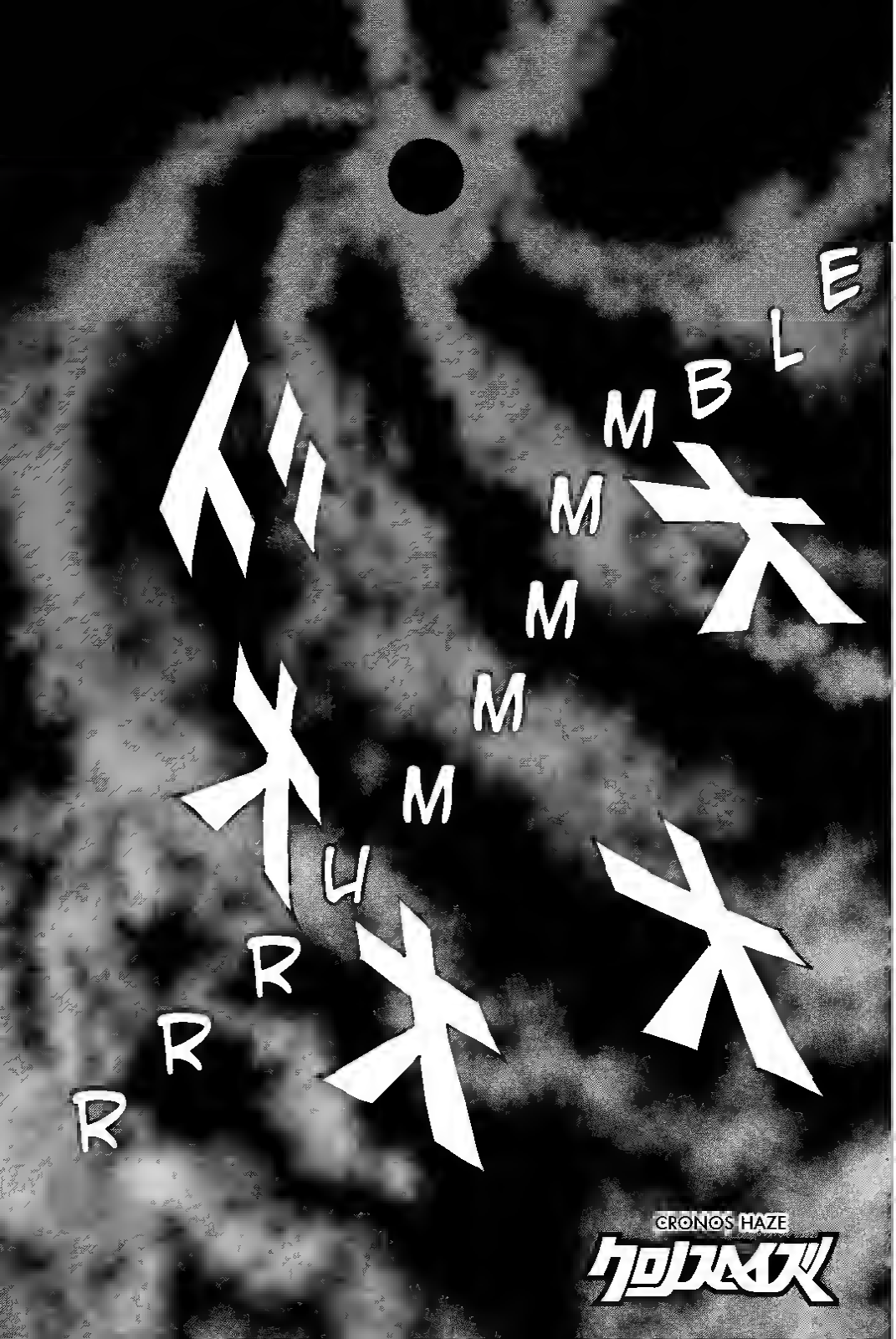
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MASAYUKI TAKANO PRESENTS
EPISODE 23:
"RETURN"
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THE EXPLOSIONS AND FLASHES THAT LIT UP THE SKIES OVER PHOENIX LAST NIGHT HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO A SMALL METEORITE.
WE'VE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT THE RESULTING SHOCK-WAVES CAUSED WINDOWS AND GLASS ALL OVER THE CITY TO SHATTER
FRAGMENTS OF THE METEORITE HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED TO THE LOCAL WEATHER BUREAU FOR RESEARCH...
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YOUR COUNTER-ATTACK WAS FLAWLESS.
I'D SAY THE HUMAN CASUALTIES WERE KEPT TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM
NICE JOB.
THANKS...

WHY THE LONG FACE?
IS SOMETHING ...WRONG WITH ME?
I MEAN, I COULD'VE DIED OUT THERE, BUT I DIDN'T FEEL ANY SENSE OF DANGER.
MY BODY SEEMED TO MOVE ON ITS OWN.
JUST LIKE... NO, MAYBE EVEN -MORE- THAN USUAL.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN TRAINING, TOUYA.
...

I HAD A DREAM... YOU AND MY DAD WERE-
...
COME TO THINK OF IT, CHIKA, HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT AUNT TOUKO AND-
I KNOW PLENTY. ABOUT TOUKO, ABOUT YOU...
TELL ME ABOUT IT WHEN WE GET BACK.
GO GET SOME REST.
ZZZZHHOOOOO
BY THE TIME YOU WAKE UP, WE'LL BE BACK AT AMAGIRI ISLAND.

HEY-
SHHHP
SHE TOLD ME TO REST...
PEEP
YEAH?
HUP.
SLIP
TURN
?!
D-DR WHEELER?!

TO GIVE YOU MY ANSWER... 'KAY?
WH- WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!
FLOP
YOUR ANSWER...?
YUP.
TO WHAT, EXACTLY?
OH COME ON, DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

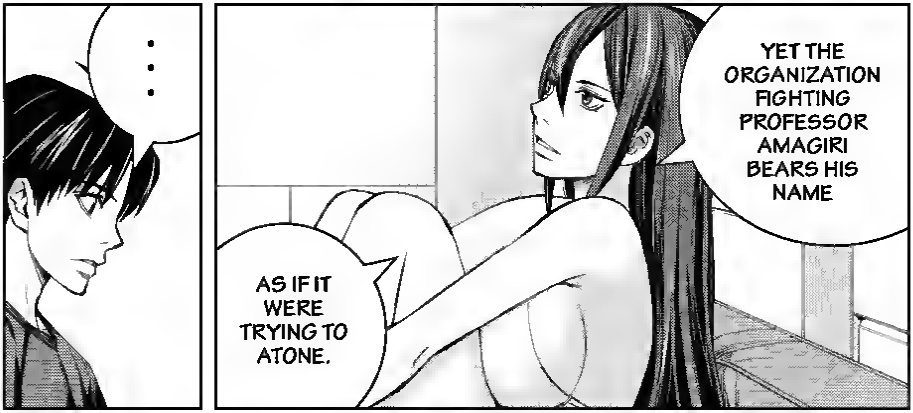
O-OH YEAH...
YOU GAVE ME YOUR ANSWER, BUT I NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO RESPOND
WHAT OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE IS, AS HUMANS.
TAP!
PERSONALLY,
I BELIEVE WE EXIST TO LEAVE BEHIND DATA.
EVERYONE IS CAPABLE OF THOSE THINGS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY PRODUCE DESCENDANTS
WHAT DID PEOPLE THINK OF? CREATE? OR, FAILING THAT, HOW DID THEY LIVE?
INDEED.
DATA?

WHAT COUNTS IS THAT THE PERSON'S EXISTENCE MATTERED.
IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MAGNITUDE OR INFLUENCE OF THE DATA.
HUH . BUT DOESN'T THAT MAKE EVERY-ONE WHO'S NOT A GREAT HISTORICAL FIGURE OR SOMETHING A FAILURE?
THE OATA LEFT BY MEN WHO BUILT EMPIRES, LIKE ALEXANOER THE GREAT ANO KUBLAI KHAN,
AS WELL AS THAT LEFT BY THE SOLDIERS AND SLAVES THAT SERVED THEM DURING THEIR TIME...
THEIR IMPACT IS EQUAL IN THAT IT CANNOT BE OENIEO OR ERASEO, NO MATTER WHAT.

I...
IF SOMEONE ARBITRARILY DECIDED TO ERASE THEIR DATA,
THE PROOF THAT THEY EXISTED, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

PROFESSOR AMAGIRI AND GIGANTES
DECIDED TO WIPE OUT THAT SACROSANCT DATA
IN THE NAME OF "EVERLASTING PEACE."
THEY CONTINUE TO COMMIT THAT SIN AGAINST OUR WORLD EVEN NOW.

GIGANTES MAINTAINS THIS ALTERNATE REALITY THEY CALL THE "NEW WORLD ORDER",
AND YOUR ORGANI-ZATION IS THE ONLY GROUP THAT CAN FIGHT BACK.


YET THE ORGANIZATION FIGHTING PROFESSOR AMAGIRI BEARS HIS NAME
AS IF IT WERE TRYING TO ATONE.
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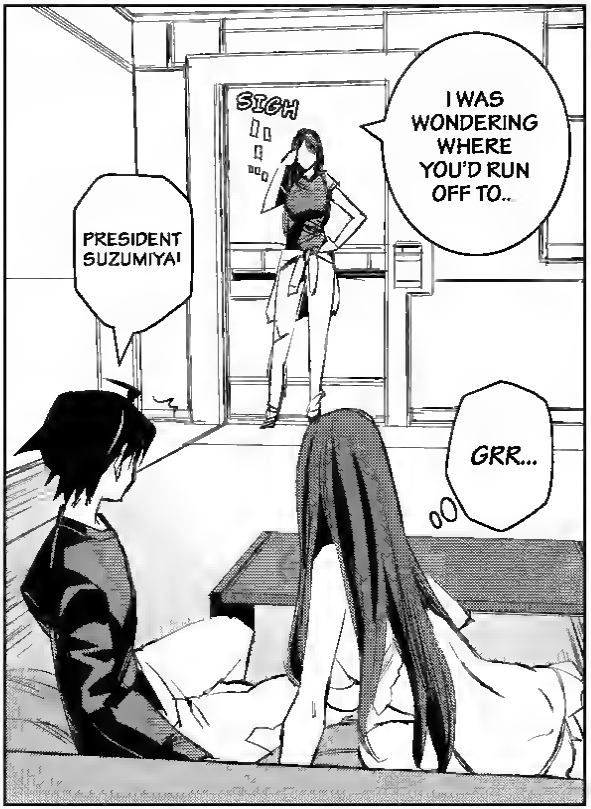
SO...
DO YOU STILL THINK REPRODUC-TION
IS OUR MAIN PURPOSE IN LIFE?
SLIDE

E-EXPERI-ENCE?!
GULP
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND BETTER?
MAYBE IF YOU EXPERIENCE THE ACT
SLIP
FLINCH
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, DR. WHEELER?!
EX-PER-I-ENCE.
LEAN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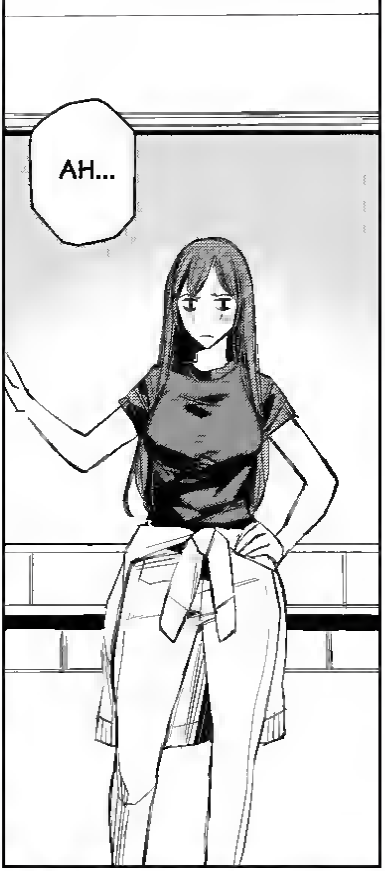
I WAS WONDERING WHERE YOU'D RUN OFF TO..
PRESIDENT SUZUMIYA!
GRR...


AH...

WELL YOU CAN'T, I'VE STAKED MY CLAIM ALREADY!
OH, I KNOW! YOU JUST WANT THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT FOR YOURSELF!
WHO'S TEASING?!
MY DESIRE TO TAKE THIS BOY'S VIRGINITY IS PURE AND SINCERE!
WHA?!
Y-YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

PLEASE STOP TEASING OUR STUDENTS.

I'M BACK...
IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN A MONTH SINCE I MOVED HERE
BUT IT'S SO CALMING... IT MUST BE THE SEA BREEZE AND THE SALTY AIR.
NOT THAT I GREW UP ON THE WATER OR ANYTHING...
SPECIAL LECTURER AKATSUKI HERE!
NARUYUKI TOUYA OF CLASS 1-3, PLEASE REPORT TO THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE THAT IS ALL!
SO MUCH FOR CALMING...
BING
GROAN

生徒指導室
GUIDANCE
I KNEW YOU HAD IT IN YOU!
YOU REALLY MADE A SPLASH OUT THERE, TOUYA!
TH-THANKS...
SINCE WHEN?
EVEN SAEKI WAS GRATEFUL
WE GOT INTO IT A LITTLE BEFORE THAT EXTERNAL MISSION CAME UP, BUT YOU'VE BEEN ASSIGNED YOUR ON-BASE MISSION.
NOTHING MAJOR... IN FACT,
AS A MAN, YOU SHOULD BE THRILLED.
OH, RIGHT!
SO WHY DID YOU CALL ME HERE, AKATSUKI-SENSEI?

SHE'S GOT SOME NASTY POWERS THAT'D GIVE THOSE NEW-GEN SIXTHS YOU FOUGHT A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY.
SOME STUFF WENT DOWN, SHE ESCAPED FROM GIGANTES, YADDA YADDA YADDA, WE'RE KEEPING HER SAFE HERE.
YOU'VE SEEN THEM A FEW TIMES, RIGHT?

YOU KNOW CHIZAKI SAE.

FOR WHATEVER REASON, SHE'S GOT A THING FOR YOU.

LIKE...HOW SHE MADE IT SNOW IN APRIL?
BINGO.

I'LL GET TO THE POINT.
N-NO, I DON'T!
JUDGING BY THAT LOOK I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN.
IF YOU CAN USE THAT LOVE-SICKNESS TO GET HER TO DO WHAT YOU WANT, WHAT COULD BE BETTER?
CHIZAKI'S POWERS ARE IMMEASURABLE, BUT SHE'S GENERALLY TRYING TO COOPERATE WITH US.
WHAT, SHE'S NOT YOUR TYPE?
BUT THEN WE'RE BASICALLY JUST MANIPULATING HER...
...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT-

AMAGIRI ACADEMY
BOY'S DORMITORY
天霧学園男子寮
WHATEVER, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU FEEL GOOD OR BAD ABOUT IT.
WE'VE ALREADY HAD AN INCIDENT WHILE YOU WERE AWAY.
THIS'S WHERE CHIZAKI-SAN...
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